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BRUCE NOBLE BEGINS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT ASSIGNMENT

Bruce Noble, a 20-year veteran of the National Park Service, has been named acting superintendent of Big Bend National Park. Noble officially began his acting duties on June 19th and expects to continue the assignment through Labor Day.

Noble comes to Big Bend National Park from Colorado National Monument, where he has served as that park's superintendent since 2004. From 2000 until 2004, he served as superintendent of Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in Skagway, Alaska.

"I am deeply honored to serve as acting superintendent of Big Bend National Park and look forward to working with the park's dedicated staff, neighboring communities, and partners," said Noble. "I view this temporary assignment as an opportunity to make some positive contributions to one of the nation's premier national park areas," he continued. He and his wife Patricia are excited about the chance to become familiar with the park and the greater Big Bend area.

Noble follows superintendent John King who retired effective June 3, 2006. It is expected that the new superintendent will be named prior to the conclusion of Noble's acting assignment.

"We are very pleased to have an Acting Superintendent of Bruce's experience and enthusiasm join our team at Big Bend," said David Elkowitz, the park's Public Information Officer.

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